

DATE: December 15, 2005

TO: Alliance Membership

FROM: Robert Parnell, Salisbury Fire Department

SUBJECT: Annual Goals and Progress Report

On March 10, 2005, The Alliance members narrowed down their 2005/06 goals and assigned them to various members. The following is an end-of year progress report of our goals.

- Standardize a Firefighter On-scene Accountability System for all Alliance Departments to provide safety and whereabouts accountability for all members on the scene of an emergency. **Primary Responsibility: Bob Parnell, Cory Orbison, John Thomason**

Report: The team researched available accountability systems and recommended to the Alliance on April 10th, that the Touch N Track system be considered for the standardized system. The Alliance voted and adopted the Touch N Track system and assigned Rusty Alexander, Mike Spry and others to develop the protocol for use.

- Standardize an Emergency Evacuation protocol for all Alliance Departments to provide a means to notify all units operating on the scene of an emergency to immediately exit the building/area due to imminent dangers. **Primary Responsibility: Cory Orbison, Scott Gardner, Rusty Alexander**

On May 12, 2005, the Alliance adopted the Code Red policy including long blasts (30 Seconds) of the air horns as a standardized method to notify the need to evacuate a building or area.

- Develop and install Rapid Intervention Team protocols and Systems to provide immediate on-scene safety teams in cases of structural collapse, drastic flashovers, lost firefighters, man-down situations, etc. **Primary Responsibility: Rusty Alexander , David Morris, Todd Overcash**

On June 09, the Alliance agreed and voted to standardize the RIC protocol as submitted by the Locke Fire Department. The RIC training Program was also standardized and adopted.

- Identify and deliver On Scene Safety Officer Training for all alliance safety officers and perspective safety officers to assure that all agencies can provide O.S.S.O. services for each other. **Primary Responsibility: Art Delaney, Stacy Baker, John Thomason**

While the Safety Officer Training is not yet completed, the Alliance did adopt on May 12, a standardized method of on-scene recognition of the Appointed Safety Officer. An Orange Vest with the Words SAFETY or SAFETY OFFICER across the back is recognized as standard for the Alliance. Safety Officer Training is an up-coming topic on the training schedule.

- **Develop an Alliance Inventory and Resource Manual to identify available apparatus, equipment and resources. Primary Responsibility: John Thomason, Mark Thompson, Art Delaney**

John Thomason and Art Delaney are working diligently to complete this project.

- **Standardize Tactical Worksheets Jay Baker, John Thomason**

On May 12, the Alliance voted and agreed to standardize the tactical Worksheet as recommended by Jay Baker and John Thomason.

- **Develop a system of training to standardize communications terms, systems and procedures used with the alliance membership: David Morris, Dan Peters, Allen Coleman**

This project was delayed to determine the impact that the newly published NIMS system will have on local communications.

In review, it is my opinion that we as an Alliance, have made considerable and successful progress toward meeting our goals and overall objective. While much work is yet to do, I think that this report indicates significant advancement in our region toward enhancing customer service and firefighter safety.

I congratulate all the members and agencies for a successful 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

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